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SPOTLAND SCENE



**ROCHDALE
A.F.C.**

DIVISION FOUR

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ROUND TWO
TUESDAY
12th March 1985**

DALE v BOLTON WANDERERS

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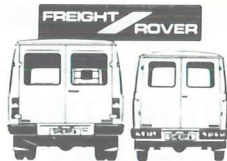


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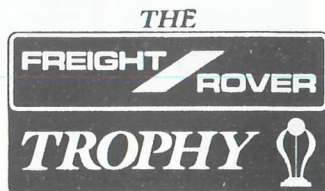
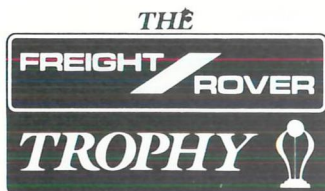
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FIRST TEAM SQUAD



Back Row: Peter Valentine, Jimmy Phillips, Mark Came, Gerry McElhinney, Neil Berry, Paul Booth, George Oghani

Centre Walter Joyce (coach), Brian Borrows, Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Simon Farnworth, John Platt, Ray Deakin, Paul Lodge, Warren Joyce, Peter Nightingale (physio)

Front Wayne Foster, Charles Wright (team manager), Jeff Chandler, Simon Rudge, Steve Saunders, John McGovern, Graham Bell.

Simon Farnworth (goalkeeper) After a promising and patient apprenticeship, Simon made the most of his break into the Bolton first team last season and missed only ten games.

John Platt (goalkeeper) Injuries robbed the former Oldham goalkeeper of a chance of a regular place last season but John, who joined Bolton on a free transfer from Bury in the summer of 1983, brought valuable experience to the side towards the end of last season.

Brian Borrows (defender) Player of the Year last season, the cultured former Everton full-back made a terrific impression in the Third Division. Can also play in midfield

Ray Deakin (defender) The Bolton skipper showed great determination in regaining his place after losing his form in the middle of last season. The former Everton and Port Vale defender made 47 appearances.

Peter Valentine (defender) The former Huddersfield Town defender missed only four games last season and rightly earned the label of "Mr Consistency" at the heart of the Wanderers defence.

Neil Berry (defender) The former Scottish Youth International enjoyed only limited appearances last season but his versatility makes him a valued member of the Bolton squad.

Jimmy Phillips (defender) The Bolton youngster has made great strides in his bid for first team recognition and deserved the chance of his first full appearance against Bristol Rovers on the opening day of the season.

Mark Came (defender) The hard-tackling central defender gave up a 9 to 5 job to move into the professional game when he joined Wanderers from non-league Winsford United at the end of last season.

Warren Joyce (midfield) Missed only one game in the Bolton midfield last season, the young all-round sportsman has played County Cricket at Colts level and is a Rugby Union Schoolboy tourist.

Graham Bell (midfield) John McGovern turned to the former Oldham and Preston man when he was looking for a touch of experience to add to his midfield last season. Signed on a free transfer from Carlisle United and enjoyed an unbroken 19-match run.

Steve Thompson (midfield) The man Wanderers rely on to operate on the right hand side of midfield, the youngster, son of an ex-League player, played 45 games in Bolton colours last season.

Paul Lodge (midfield) Signed from Preston on a free transfer in the summer, Lodge is another ex-Everton recruit to join the Wanderers' squad.

Jeff Chandler (forward) Jeff enjoyed his most successful season scoring 17 goals and being Bolton's only ever-present last season. A Republic of Ireland international the former Blackpool player cost Bolton £40,000 when he signed from Leeds in October 1981.

Tony Caldwell (forward) set the Third Division alight when he scored a Club record five goals in Bolton's 8-1 win over Walsall in September last season, while on part-time forms and still an electrician. The recruit from non-League earned a full-time contract and ended the season top scorer with 22 goals from 37 appearances.

George Oghani (forward) Another signing from non-league, George switched from the wing to central striker to earn himself a second chance after John McGovern had tried to sell him back to non-League in the summer.

Wayne Foster (forward) Fast and hard-running, the former England Youth player has made more than 80 appearances in Bolton's League side.

Simon Rudge (forward) A diminutive striker with a lot of skill and an eye for goal, Simon scored none goals in 38 games last term.

Steve Saunders (forward) Two operations kept Steve on the sidelines for the most part of last season but he is expected to make an impact this time round. An exciting young player of whom Wanderers have high hopes.

TONIGHTS SPONSORS

Tonight's game has been sponsored by Ron Chalker Ltd of Rochdale. The Mitre matchball has been sponsored by Nationwide Building Society (Rochdale)

INTERVIEW WITH THE BOSS

I will continue asking questions of interest to Rochdale fans, in this the second and last part of the interview with Vic Halom.

What has pleased you most over the whole season?

I am pleased that we have finally got a sound squad which is playing well together. I was also pleased to be able to pick up Paul Malcolm who for a young lad, is a good keeper. I was happy that I managed to sign Barry Diamond and Frank Gamble, I didn't think that I would be able to pick them up.

I get satisfaction out of most things I do. I am happy in my work and I enjoy it a lot.

What do you think of the support (or lack of it) from the people of Rochdale?

The support which we do get is quite vociferous, which is good because it lifts the team.

But we do have to prove to people that this is a better team than the last few seasons.

In time, when the team has developed there will be very entertaining football played. Not that the football played at the moment is bad, indeed it is quite good, but I am always looking for improvement. I do hope the crowds return, because they will see goalmouth incidents and plenty of football tried to be played.

What is your aim for the rest of the season?

"I want to continue to make the club grow in every way: to increase the quality of the football and also improve the quality of the accommodation for the supporters.

I want to give direction to the club and generally improve all round."

What did you think of the performances against Northampton and Preston?

"The strange thing about football is that everyone measures performances by results. We ran rings around Torquay and yet ended up losing. But we didn't play as well against Northampton and Preston but won both of those.

The players are now getting their due reward for the effort put in, we are playing more consistent, attractive football.

We are going through a reasonable spell at the moment and I am pleased about that.

It was nice to see the 'Dale fans going, in numbers, to away matches (like Preston) and getting behind the players chanting and singing. I would like the supporters to spread the word — we have good players, we are playing good football"

How is it that good players like English and Seasman have only stayed at Spotland for short spells.

"Tom English came from abroad looking for a contract in excess of £300, which we simply can't afford, unless he is a world beater. Tom didn't have the right attitude for me, so we released him to Plymouth. English is now playing in the Colchester

reserves.

I was very disappointed that Seasman left Rochdale. he felt that he could play in a higher level of football than the 4th division. He joined Chesterfield because they are on the road to promotion."

What will be your aim for next season?

"At the moment I am formulating a side for next season. Thompson, Diamond, Reid, Taylor, Malcolm and Gamble have all signed contracts for next season. I will be speaking to the rest of the squad soon.

The obvious aim for next season is promotion, but to achieve this we would have to be consistent. With a settled team we would have more chance. I am working on next season's team now. This way the players will get to know each other and perhaps we could go on tour in the next close season. I would also like to improve the facilities for supporters. Anyone who has any ideas about improvements should inform Rochdale A.F.C., although, of course we have a limit on money we can spend.

DALE DIARY

Canon Division Four

Saturday	16 March	Port Vale v Dale	KO 3.00 p.m.
Saturday	23 March	Dale v Stockport Co.	KO 3.00 p.m.
Friday	29 March	Bury v Dale	KO 7.30 p.m.

Freight Rover Trophy

Tuesday	12 March	Dale v Bolton Wanderers	KO 7.30 p.m.
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Lancashire League

Saturday	16 March	Dale Res v Southport Res.
Saturday	30 March	Dale Res v South Liverpool Res

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ROCHDALE

- 1 DAVE REDFEARN**
- 2 JOHN CAVANAGH**
- 3 LES CHAPMAN**
- 4 IAN JOHNSON**
- 5 JOE COOKE**
- 6 BILL WILLIAMS**
- 7 DAVE THOMPSON**
- 8 FRANK GAMBLE**
- 9 STEVE TAYLOR**
- 10 BARRY DIAMOND**
- 11 PAUL HEATON**
- SUB. TO BE NAMED**

BOLTON

- 1 SIMON FARNWORTH**
- 2 BRIAN BORROWS**
- 3 JIM PHILLIPS**
- 4 WARREN JOYCE**
- 5 PETER VALENTINE**
- 6 RAY DEAKIN**
- 7 GEORGE OGHANI**
- 8 GEOFF CHANDLER**
- 9 TONY EVANS**
- 10 TONY CALDWELL**
- 11 GRAHAM BELL**
- SUB. TO BE NAMED**

REFEREE: Mr. P WILLIS (CO DURHAM)

LINESMEN: Mr. K. J. BREEN & Mr. S. W. MASON

TONIGHTS REFEREE: Mr. Peter Willis is a policeman. He began refereeing in local leagues in 1963 and joined the Football League list after a spell in the Northern League. He was elected president of the Referees Association in 1984. Mr. Willis refereed the first Milk Cup final between Liverpool and Spurs in 1982. He is interested in golf and swimming.

NOTE THE DATE

MONDAY 18th MARCH

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